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PERMITTING FREE ENTRY OF ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXHIBITION AT THE WASHINGTON STATE-FAR EAST INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, SEATTLE, WASH.

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 422]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 422) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the Washington State-Far East International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash., to be admitted without payment of tariff, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT

This joint resolution follows the pattern of previous legislation enacted by the Congress in connection with various international exhibitions, expositions, and fairs held in the United States. It has long been the policy of the Congress to facilitate the participation of foreign countries in international expositions held in the United States by permitting articles intended for display at these expositions to be entered free of import duties and charges under safeguarding regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Washington State-Far East International Trade Fair is to be held at Seattle, Wash., from September 6 to September 14, 1952, inclusive, by the Washington State-Far East International Trade Fair, Inc. This corporation, in the interest of greater international collaboration in the interchange of newly developed products, will assemble a number of products from the Far East for the purpose of educating the American people concerning these items.

The joint resolution provides that the imported articles shall not be subject to marking requirements of the general tariff laws except when such articles are withdrawn for consumption or use in the

United States. Articles so admitted may be lawfully sold at any time during or within 3 months after the close of the trade fair, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

The language of the resolution is identical in terms with that approved in earlier legislation providing for the free importation of goods for display at other expositions or world fairs.

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